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REMARKS

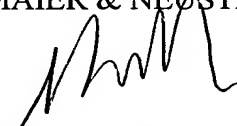
Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The rejected Claims 1 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-14 and 16-25 remain active in the application, all of which have been allowed.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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